

**WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,
TEXAS, NOVEMBER 30, 2006, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Workshop Meeting on the 30th day of November 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Maloy, Reyna, Semmelmann, Dean and Rangel.

City Manager Brummett, City Secretary Feutz, City Accountant Wallace, Fire Chief Irwin, and Economic Development Director Caldera were also present.

Mayor Riley recognized Lanny Lambert, present in the audience. She stated that Mr. Lambert would be assuming the position of City Manager on January 2, 2007.

Mayor Riley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to Be Heard.

None.

Discussion and consideration of options for Economic Development.

Mayor Riley stated that she had asked City Manager Brummett to put together a presentation on options for Economic Development. City Manager Brummett presented statistics of the sales tax picture indicating that the revenue from sales tax in 2006 was the lowest recorded since before 1992. Mr. Brummett presented three options for Council to consider to replace the revenue previously received from sales tax and to provide resources to stimulate economic development. Option one was an Economic Development Sales Tax election for one-eighth, one-quarter, three-eighths or one-half cent sales tax. Option Two was a Street Maintenance Tax to generate approximately \$200,000 - \$400,000 with a one-eighth cent to one quarter cent sales tax. Mr. Brummett stated that the money generated for street repair could replace money already budgeted each year for street repair and then that money could be used for Economic Development. Option Three would consider holding elections for both the Street Maintenance Tax plus an Economic Development Tax. He stated that to keep our sales tax at the same level as the City of San Antonio, we could ask for one quarter cent tax for street repair and one-eighth cent tax for Economic Development.

Councilman Reyna asked how many times the Street Maintenance Tax had been on the same ballot with an Economic Development Tax and what was the rate of success or failure following that route. Mr. Brummett stated that staff would research that issue.

Council discussed the need to get citizen input before the election, keeping the sales tax no higher than that of the City of San Antonio, not mixing a sales tax election with the general election, and the need to determine what the sales tax increase would be spent on before the issue is taken to the citizens for a vote.

Following Council discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Rangel, to appoint a committee or commission, of significant number

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determined by the Mayor, of volunteers named by Councilmembers to begin evaluating options for a sales tax referendum for November 2007. Council discussed that the recruiting for volunteers should begin now with the goal of having the committee begin meeting after the holidays. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Status report and discussion of General Fund and Enterprise Fund Reserves.

City Manager Brummett presented information to the Council on the General Fund and Enterprise Fund Capital Acquisition Plans (CAP). He recommended Council consider increasing the Emergency Reserve to \$800,000 and funding the FY 2006 Street program in the amount of \$200,000 from the General Fund CAP and funding the FY 2006 Sewer Rehabilitation Program from the Enterprise Fund CAP. Mr. Brummett also reviewed capital purchases not included in the CAP expenditures for FY 2007 and for FY 2011. He stated that the agenda for the next City Council meeting would give Council the opportunity to consider approval of the recommendations made during this presentation.

Discussion of future land needs.

Mayor Riley announced that Mayor Semmelmann had asked for this presentation. City Manager Brummett presented information to Council on the necessity for expansion or replacement for the Fire Station and presented alternatives and space requirements. Mr. Brummett explained that planned equipment purchases will not fit inside the current station nor was there room for future equipment or services. He stated that there was no space for additional personnel necessary to maintain adequate staffing levels with projected city growth and increased EMS call volumes. He also stated that there was insufficient room or proper facilities to allow staff and the department to meet the challenges of their expanding roles with EMS, weapons of mass destruction, or hazardous materials. Mr. Brummett presented advantages and disadvantages to the alternatives of expanding the current station or building a new station at a new location.

Following Council discussion, the Council recessed at 7:35 p.m. to tour the fire station. At 7:54 p.m., Council returned to the dias.

**Convene into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code,
Section 551.072 "Deliberations about Real Property" to discuss land acquisition options.**

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Riley announced that the Council would convene into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 "Deliberations about Real Property" to discuss land acquisition options.

Reconvene into open session to continue discussion on future land needs.

Mayor Riley reconvened the Council into open session at 9:19 p.m. There was no further discussion by Council.

Announcements.

None were made.

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Citizen Phillip Manea asked to be recognized. Mayor Riley recognized Mr. Manea. Mr. Manea asked that the Business Alliance Committee be included in the committee to evaluate options for a sales tax referendum for November 2007.

Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Semmelmann, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Chris Riley

Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz

City Secretary

Approved by vote of City Council on December 5, 2006.